

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS



IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES)
FOR CONTESTED HEARINGS IN DOMESTIC)
RELATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT) Administrative Order 20-15
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY THE)
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19))

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the following additional procedures shall apply for contested hearings

1. In contested hearings requested by the parties that are not found to be emergencies, the Court may allow, upon agreement of both parties, to proceed to a hearing on the disputed matter but limited to the pleadings only.
2. If the parties agree and the Court agrees, disputed pre-decree and post-decree matters may be resolved by the Court without the parties or their attorneys appearing in court for the hearing.
3. To proceed to hearing without a court appearance the parties must first submit to the Court via e-mail a stipulation containing the following provisions:
 - A. All parties and attorneys shall sign the stipulation.
 - B. The parties acknowledge and waive their right to be present in court, to engage in oral questioning and argument, to cross examine and provide oral rebuttal evidence, to have a record and a transcript, to have an attorney present in court, and to have an evidentiary hearing.
 - C. An acknowledgement and agreement to the Court resolving the dispute based upon review of verified pleadings ONLY.
4. All pleadings shall be submitted in advance to the Court via e-mail ONLY.
5. Only mutually agreed-upon exhibits shall be considered by the Court in rendering its decision.
6. In the event of an economic dispute, each party's Verified Financial Statement as defined by Local Court Rule 15.05 (without attachments) will be accepted and reviewed by the Court.
7. Scheduling of hearings shall be done via e-mail only and through each judge's administrative staff and attorneys.
8. After hearing, the court shall rule in writing within a timely manner. Rulings will be forwarded to the attorneys via email ONLY.
9. The parties may submit demonstrative exhibits for the Court to consider, including but not limited to child support calculations and maintenance calculations.
10. The Court's ruling shall address future court dates.
11. It is within the Court's discretion whether to proceed to hearing as outlined above. It is within the Court's discretion whether to enter a ruling after all pleadings have

been submitted. The Court may request any additional evidence it deems necessary to make a ruling. Failure to provide additional requested evidence may result in the Court terminating proceedings.

This order remains in effect until further order of the court. The court will continue to review and adjust the order as necessary.

Entered this 25th day of March 2020.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel P. Guerin", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel P. Guerin
Chief Judge

Dated: March 25, 2020
Wheaton, Illinois